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SUBJ: COMPOSITION OF UNEF: CONVERSATION WITH SYG

1. MID-MORNING OCT 31, AMB MALIK SENT WORD HE WANTED TO
DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST WITH ME. BEFORE MEETING TOOK PLACE,
I DISCOVERED HE WAS CLOSETED WITH SYG WALDHEIM. I THEREFORE
DELAYED MY MEETING WITH MALIK UNTIL I COULD CHECK OUT
RESULTS OF HIS VISIT WITH SYG. WALDHEIM RECEIVED ME AS
SOON AS MALIK LEFT HIS OFFICE.

2. WALDHEIM SAID MALIK HAD APPLIED "EXTREME PRESSURE".
MALIK, ASSERTING THAT ABATTALION CONSISTED OF 2,000
MEN, HE CHARGED SYG WITH HAVING "USED UP" 6,000 OF
AVAILABLE 7,000 SLOTS IN UNEF BY INVITING BATTALIONS FROM
FINLAND, SWEDEN AND AUSTRIA. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD THOUGHT
HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD IN
FACT BE LESS THAN 900 FINNS, LESS THAN 600 SWedes, AND
ABOUT 500 AUSTRIANS "IN THE THREE BATTALIONS".

3. WALDHEIM WENT ON TO PREDICT THAT CANADIANS WOULD
CATCH PARTICULAR HELL FROM MALIK IN FIRST PUBLIC SESSION
BECAUSE THEY WERE FROM NATO. MALIK HAD BEEN COMPLETELY
UNIMPRESSED WITH FACT CANADIANS TO BE IN LOGISTICAL ROLES
ONLY. MALIK HAD PRESSED HARD FOR INCLUSION POLAND TO
BALANCE CANADA, SAYING POLES AS GOOD AS CANADIANS IN
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THIS FIELD.

4. WALDHEIM PROVIDED INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE ON AVAILABILITY
OF OTHER CONTINGENTS. IVORY COAST HAD OPTED OUT ON

INSTRUCTIONS FROM HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, WHO APPARENTLY HAD HEARD FROM "ARABS" THAT THEY WANTED NO AFRICAN STATE THAT STILL HAD RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. ODERO-JOWI HAD SAID HE DOUBTED HIS GOVT WOULD AGREE TO SEND FORCES AS OFFER WOULD FOCUS TOO MUCH ATTENTION ON FACT KENYA HAD NOT YET BROKEN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. ODERO-JOWI ALSO TOLD WALDHEIM HE DOUBTED KENYA COULD MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL ANOTHER WEEK LONGER.

5. BOTH SYG AND GUYER, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, SEEMED VERY HUNG UP ON IDEA THAT UN COULD SELECT CONTINGENTS ONLY FROM AMONG STATES THAT HAD MADE FORMAL OFFER. I TOLD HIM HE COULD NOT WORK ON THIS BASIS. PERU, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD MADE IT VERY CLEAR IT WOULD SAY "YES" IF ASKED. BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA WERE SIMILAR CASES. I ASKED, AND HE AGREED TO NOTE WHEN HE DISCLOSES OFFERS THAT OTHER OFFERS WERE EXPECTED.

6. WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM ME, IT SOMEHOW OCCURRED TO WALDHEIM THAT HE HAD THE OPTION OF ACCEPTING ROMANIA'S OFFER OF CONTINGENTS. THINKING ALOUD, HE SAID HE COULD REPRESENT ROMANIA AS WARSAW PACT COUNTRY BALANCING NATO'S CANADA. HE THOUGHT MALIK WOULD NOT DARE VOICE PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO ROMANIA. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT HIS IDEA WAS AN EXCELLENT ONE.

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